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Response (B) to Final Office Action and Request for Continued Examination

Sir:

In response to the (final) Office Action dated November 30, 2005 in the above-captioned U.S. patent application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be considered in conjunction with a request for continued examination, as the amendments and remarks place the application in a condition for allowance.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on **page 8** of this paper and include one attached replacement sheet and one annotated sheet showing changes in red ink.

Remarks begin on **page 9** of this paper.